#### **Office of County Executive Scott Walker**

# **Handy-NEWS & NOTES**



February 2008

## FEBRUARY 19, 2008 Election Day!

Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is Primary Election Day. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Exercise your rights and **VOTE!** 



# FREE PARATRANSIT TRIPS FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

Through funding provided by the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, County voters with disabilities can receive free paratransit van rides to and from their polling sites on February 19. When reserving your rides to and from the poll on Feb. 19, just tell your Transit Express or First Transit reservationists that you are going to vote. There will be no cost to you for these rides.

The commission wants to encourage people with disabilities to express their preferences for the leaders of our community, state, and nation. In its meeting of December 10, the Commission elected to use donated community funds, no tax dollars, to support the rider portion of the fare. The members of the commission wanted to be certain that voters need not pay \$6.50 for their round trip rides to their voting sites. So, please participate, it's a matter of priority.

#### **LOOKING FOR A HALL?**

Are you looking for a hall for your next function? Would you like to rent a beautiful hall in a woodsy setting near you? If you answered yes, please use the link below (or call Bridget @ 414-278-3938) to check out the Wil-O-Way Grant and Wil-O-Way Underwood facilities. They may be just what you're looking for. But hurry, the 2008 calendar is filling up fast.

http://county.milwaukeecounty.org/FacilityRentals7997.htm

#### **CAREGIVER'S CORNER**

Caregivers New Year's Resolution

In this new year, I will.....

- 1. Learn to take one hour out of each day just for myself to read, enjoy a hot bath, journal my thoughts or call a friend.
- 2. Attend at least one caregiver support group to realize that I am not alone and that I can learn from others.
- 3. See my doctor for a physical exam and give my own health needs more priority.
- 4. Use respite care at least once a month so that I may get a break and be refreshed. I will consider using the time I have to discover the benefits of massage therapy, the joy of a musical concert, self expression in a painting class or a day at the spa to find stress relief.
- 5. Eat a balanced diet and exercise at least 20 minutes three times a week even if all I can do is walk around the house, up and down the stairs or exercise from a chair.
- 6. Seek out one new resource to support my caregiver role such as chore services, housekeeping, home care programs or delivered meals.
- 7. Try to find a way to laugh or find humor in the day amidst the sadness or discouragement I may feel.
- 8. Reach out to my family and friends to help with my loved one so that the weight of my responsibility can be lifted and shared. One way I can do this is to keep a list of needs handy so that when help is offered, I can be ready with an answer.
- 9. Seek spiritual support or personal counseling to gain perspective of my life, clarity of my role and keep my mental health in check.
- 10. Finally, by focusing on these resolutions, I will be able to reap the rewards of caregiving, maintain balance in my life and provide care longer for my loved one.

by Kristine Dwyer, LSW

'Caregiver's Corner' is contributed by the Family Caregiver Support Network of Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., 414-220-8600, 800-449-4481



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#### 2008 WIL-O-WAY SUMMER CAMP **Applications Available!**

Easter Seals Kindcare and Milwaukee County Office for Person's with Disabilities are proud to announce the 2008 Wil-O-Way and Respite Camp applications are available now for download at

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#### **HAPPENINGS @ BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Growing Gardeners / Green Thumbs (Ages 3 - 5 / 6 - 8)

Hot Chocolate - February 9 and 11 Does chocolate come from a tree? Uncover the story of chocolate and other sources of food that come from plants. Make a heart-warming gift.

Cost: \$12.50 per child. No refunds or substitutions. Programs begin at 10:30 am and are one hour. Classes are held in the Boerner Botanical Gardens Education and Visitor Center. Class consists of a botanical theme. hands-on projects and a snack. Most classes involve some "messy" work so children should wear clothing that is appropriate. Classes are designed for adult(s) to

attend with their child(ren). Class sizes are limited, preregistration is required.

Call or e-mail to register: Phone: 414-525-5675, Email: schedulina@fbba.ora

#### SNOWMOBILE FEST

The 31st annual Snowmobile Festival sponsored by the Rolling Dice Riders Snowmobile Club of Franklin will be held on Saturday, February 2 from 11am-4pm at Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center. Snowmobile rides will be given from 12-3pm, snow permitting, and there will be food and music throughout the day. This is a free event and will be held with or without snow. Please contact Easter Seals Kindcare's Recreation Center at 414-482-0133 for registration details.

#### LEAPING THE GAPS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Friday, February 29, 2008, Leap Year Day: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (reception to follow) Alumni Memorial Union—Marquette University

Participate in an interactive case study. Be inspired by keynote speaker Ann Yurcek, author of Tiny Titans, whose family triumphed through adversity. Explore how you can help children with special needs and their caregivers "leap the gaps" between school, social service, health, and justice systems.

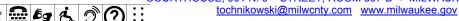
Conference Cost: \$40 (Includes breakfast, lunch & reception). FREE for families of children with special needs. For more information and to register, go to: http://law.marquette.edu/jw/psconference

Two primary objectives of this conference are to educate all attendees about the difficulties faced by children and their caregivers when engaged with the social service, justice, school or health systems, and to encourage those systems to identify areas they might work more cooperatively on behalf of these children. Unfortunately many children with special needs end up in the juvenile justice system. Early intervention, diagnosis, and service provision may help to prevent this outcome. I hope that you will join us for an engaging day!

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Presented by Dr. Rick Solomon, MD

Dr. Richard Solomon, MD is the founder and Medical Director of The P.L.A.Y. Project located at The Ann Arbor Center for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Board certified in general pediatrics and developmental and behavioral pediatrics, Dr. Solomon has been diagnosing and treating children with autism for over fifteen years. Under Dr. Solomon's direction, The P.L.A.Y. Project has trained thousands of parents and professionals throughout the United States and internationally. The project was published in the scientific journal, AUTISM in May 2007. Dr. Solomon has also received a prestigious NIMH grant to continue evaluating and researching The P.L.A.Y. Project.

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#### Friday, March 7th, 2008



**Topic:** P.L.A.Y. Project Level I Workshop "Introduction to Floortime and P.L.A.Y."

This one day workshop focuses on The P.L.A.Y. Project - a unique, community based Autism training and early intervention program. The model is based on the Developmental theories of Stanley Greenspan, MD, known as the Developmental Individualized and Relationship (DIR) Oriented Model - also known as "Floortime." The DIR theory and research will be presented along with video case examples to help participants learn DIR strategies, methods and techniques. The session will help parents and professionals learn effective, low cost and efficient ways to provide intensive intervention programming for young children (18 months – 7 years) with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and help them gain language and social skills.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Participants in the Level I workshop will:

- Describe current trends and research in ASD's
- Describe how "affect" drives growth & development
- The importance of the neurological "Comfort Zone"
- Describe basic DIR (Floortime) principles, strategies, and techniques
- DIR intervention techniques with children with ASD's

#### **Agenda**

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7:30 to 8:30	Registration
8:30 to 9:30 '	'Autism: Early Intervention"
9:30 to 10:30	DIR Principles, Strategies and
	Methods Part I
10:30 to 10:45	Break
10:45 to 12:30	DIR Principles, Strategies and
	Methods Part II
12:30 to1:30	Lunch (will be provided)
1:30 to 2:30	Techniques and Strategies for
	home and school with video
	samples
2:30 to 2:45	Break
2:45 to 4:00	Techniques and Case Studies
4:00	Wrap-up and Evaluation

#### Saturday, March 8th, 2008



**Topic:** P.L.A.Y. Project Level II Workshop "Floortime and P.L.A.Y. - Higher Functioning Levels of Autism Spectrum Disorders"

This one day workshop focuses on children ages 4-8 years old with high functioning autism. This session will help parents and professionals learn methods to help children with high functioning autism improve social skills through the use of social stories, play dates, and behavioral analysis of social deficits. Characteristics of a supportive educational program for elementary children with ASD will be discussed. Attendees will expand their knowledge of techniques that can help children with ASD solve problems, control impulses, and improve behavior.

#### **Learning Objectives**

Participants in the Level II workshop will:

- Describe current trends and research in ASD's
- Describe strategies that promote two-way communication
- Describe strategies that promote social development
- Describe higher skill levels in the DIR (Floortime) Model

#### Agenda

4:00

7:30 to 8:30	Registration
8:30 to 9:00	P.L.A.Y. Project Level I overview
9:00 to 11:30	Higher-level functional
	developmental levels in
	Greenspan's DIR
	framework-"Process" and
	"Content" in social interactions
11:30 to12:30	Lunch (will be provided)
12:30 to 2:30	Methods to improve social skills-
	Supportive Elementary
	Education Programs
2:30 to 2:45	Break
2:45 to 4:00	Techniques to help children with
	ASD solve problems, control
	impulses and improve behavior

Wrap-up and Evaluation

#### P.L.A.Y. Project Workshop Sponsors

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Please select Dates (you may Friday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> 2008 L	y attend one or both workshops) evel I Workshop <b>□ Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2008</b> Le	evel II Workshop	
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February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 No refunds after February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All cancellations subject to \$40 administrative fee.



#### Who Should Attend

Parents
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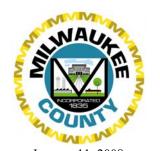
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DATE	CLASS	DESCRIPTION
<b>February 2</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	Reactive Attachment Disorder Carolee Malen, LCSW ACSW Malen & Associates	Learn about children diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder who have challenging behaviors and struggle with a poor self-image. Learn strategies for success with these children.
<b>February 16</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	Understanding Epilepsy and Seizures Allen Natole-Epilepsy Foundation	Become familiar with the causes and the myths surrounding Epilepsy and Seizures. Learn best practices and what to do or not do for a child during a seizure.
<b>February 20</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	<b>Brain Development in Early Childhood</b> Terri Enters-LSS, Birth to Three	Understand the development and growth of the brain and how this can impact how you care for young children.
<b>March 5</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	<b>Understanding Down Syndrome</b> Jackie Michlig and Andrew Gerbitz, Down Syndrome Assoc. of WI	Learn about children diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Learn how challenges can be overcome, and to make children with differences feel accepted and welcomed in your class.
<b>March 15</b> 9:30am - 11:30am	Feeding & Positioning Michelle Nowak Lareau of Penfield Children's Center	Learn important strategies for caring for children with feeding and swallowing issues and how muscle tone and growth impact how children eat.
<b>March 26</b> 5:45pm - 7:45pm	Child Abuse and Neglect Jesse Johnson, Easter Seals Kindcare	Learn more about the signs of child abuse and neglect to help protect the children in your care.

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Go to website for class schedule updates: www.milwaukee.gov/sncc



# Milwaukee County

## Supervisor Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr., 14th District

January 11, 2008 For Immediate Release

Contact: Harold Mester, Public Information Manager 414/278-4051 or harold.mester@milwcnty.com

#### COUNTY RESIDENTS SAVED MORE THAN \$126,000 ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THROUGH THE END OF 2007

Savings up to 50% available to all Milwaukee County residents with no prescription drug coverage

MILWAUKEE, WI – A record number of Milwaukee County residents are taking advantage of a discount drug card offered by Milwaukee County and the National Association of Counties (NACo). The program allows counties to distribute free prescription drug discount cards offering an average savings of 20% off common retail prescription prices. Through the end of 2007, residents have saved \$126,841 on prescription drugs since the program was launched in 2006. Milwaukee County residents are on pace to save another \$150,000 in 2008 alone. Those savings greatly exceed what Milwaukee County pays in dues to NACo on an annual basis.

"While residents can save 20% at the pharmacy, even bigger savings can be realized through a mail order service," Supervisor Richard D. Nyklewicz, Jr., said. "This program will deliver three month supplies of certain medications to you for 50 percent off the retail price."

No enrollment forms or membership fees are required. Regardless of age or income, any Milwaukee County resident without prescription drug coverage can receive the discount by simply showing the card at any participating pharmacy or by call a toll-free number. To obtain a card, Milwaukee County residents can contact Supervisor Nyklewicz (414-278-4252) or their own County Supervisor. For more information about NACo's free prescription drug discount card, call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit <a href="http://naco.advancerx.com">http://naco.advancerx.com</a>.

Cards can also be obtained from one of the following locations: Milwaukee County Board Offices, 901 N. 9th Street, Courthouse Room 201, General Assistance Medical Program, 9501 Watertown Plank Road; Department of Health and Human Services, 1220 W. Vliet St. and 1673 S. 9th St.; Department on Aging, 310 W. Wisconsin Ave.; Southside Health Clinic, 1639 S. 23rd St.; MLK Heritage Clinic, 2555 N. King Drive; 16th Street Health Center, 1032 S. 16th St.; Clinica Latina, 1238 S. 16th St.; Lubsey Clinic, 5300 W. Villard Ave.; Milwaukee County Parks Administration, 9480 Watertown Plank Road.

Supervisor Nyklewicz is Vice-Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board and served as the Wisconsin Counties Association's elected representative to the National Association of Counties Board of Directors for eight consecutive years.

### 2008 Marquette Law School Public Service Conference

LEAPING THE GAPS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



**FEBRUARY 29, 2008** 

ARQUETTE LEAP YEAR DAY: 9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

LAW SCHOOL

Alumni Memorial Union—Marquette University

LEAPING THE GAPS
FOR CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS

#### **Leaping the Gaps** is for:

- Children's Court Officials
- Social Workers
- Special Education Teachers & Transition Coordinators
- Children's Health Care Workers
- Attorneys & Advocates for Children with Disabilities
- State & Local Government Youth Transition
   Teams
- School-Based Law Enforcement
- Social Systems Researchers
- Families and Caregivers of Children with Special Needs

For more information contact:
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Phone: 414-288-8060
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Participate in an interactive case study. Be inspired by keynote speaker *Ann Yurcek*, author of *Tiny Titans*, whose family triumphed through adversity. Explore how you can help children with special needs and their caregivers "leap the gaps" between school, social service, health, and justice systems.

Conference Cost: \$40 (Includes breakfast, lunch & reception). FREE for families of children with special needs.

Register by mail or on-line at: <a href="http://law.marquette.edu/jw/psconference">http://law.marquette.edu/jw/psconference</a>



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#### Don't Overlook These Valuable Tax Credits

FS-2008-2, January 2008

Tax credits can help you pay part of the cost of raising a family, going to college, saving for retirement, making energy-saving improvements to your home and getting daycare so you can work or go to school. Each year, many taxpayers overlook them, even though they often qualify for one or more of these credits.

Though both tax deductions and credits can save you money, they do it in different ways. A deduction lowers the income on which tax is figured, while a credit lowers the tax itself. Take time now to review your records and see if you qualify for one of these popular but often overlooked tax credits.

#### **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) helps low- and moderate-income workers and working families. Working families with incomes below \$39,783 and childless workers with incomes under \$14,590 often qualify. Ordinarily, you must have earned income as an employee, independent contractor, farmer or business owner. Some disability retirees are also eligible. Use the <a href="EITC Assistant">EITC Assistant</a>, which will be available in mid-January, to see if you qualify.

#### **Child Tax Credit**

If you have a dependent child under age 17 you probably qualify for the child tax credit. This credit, which can be as much as \$1,000 per eligible child, is in addition to the regular \$3,400 exemption you can claim for each dependent. Don't confuse the child tax credit with the child care credit. For details on figuring and claiming the child tax credit, see IRS Publication 972.

#### **Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses**

If you pay someone to care for your child so you can work or look for work, you probably qualify for this credit. Normally, your child must be your dependent and under age 13. Though often referred to as the child care credit, this credit is also available if you pay someone to care for a spouse or dependent, regardless of age, who is unable to care for himself or herself. In most cases, you need to obtain the care provider's social security number or taxpayer identification number and enter it on your return.

Form 1040 filers claim the credit for child and dependent care expenses on <u>Form 2441</u>. Form 1040A filers claim it on <u>Schedule 2</u>.

#### **Education Credits**

The Hope credit and the lifetime learning credit help parents and students pay for post-secondary education. Normally, you can claim tuition and required enrollment fees paid for your own, as well as your dependents' college education. The Hope credit targets the first two years of post-secondary education, and an eligible student must be enrolled at least half time. You can take the lifetime learning credit, even if you're only taking one course.

In some cases, you may do better by claiming the tuition and fees deduction, instead. You cannot take both an education credit and the tuition and fees deduction for the same student in the same year. Special rules, including income limits, apply to each of these tax breaks.

Education credits are claimed on <u>Form 8863</u>. For details on these and other education-related tax breaks, see <u>Publication 970</u>.

#### Saver's Credit

The saver's credit helps low-and moderate-income workers save for retirement. You probably qualify if your income is below certain limits and you contribute to an IRA or workplace retirement plan, such as a 401(k). Income limits for 2007 are \$26,000 for singles and married filing separately, \$39,000 for heads of household and \$52,000 for joint filers.

Also known as the retirement savings contributions credit, the saver's credit is available in addition to any other tax savings that apply. You still have time to put money in an IRA and get the saver's credit on your 2007 return. 2007 IRA contributions can be made until April 15, 2008. Use Form 8880 to claim the saver's credit.

#### **Energy-Saving Tax Credits**

You can take a credit based on what you spend on various energy-saving improvements made to your main home. New energy-efficient improvements qualify, including insulation, exterior windows, exterior doors, water heaters, heat pumps, central air conditioners, furnaces and hot water boilers. The overall credit is limited to \$500 and further dollar limits apply to specific components — for example, \$200 for windows. If you took the full \$500 credit in 2006, you cannot claim the credit in 2007, even if you made qualifying energy-saving improvements.

Separately, there is a 30 percent credit for the cost of photovoltaic property, solar water heating property and fuel cell property.

These credits are claimed on Form 5695.

#### **Tax Credits Can Save You Money**

These credits can increase your refund or reduce the tax you owe. Usually, credits can only lower your tax to zero. But some credits, such as the EITC and the child tax credit, can actually exceed your tax. Though some credits are available to people at all income levels, others have income restrictions. These include the EITC, saver's credit, education credits and child tax credit.

If you qualify, you can claim any credit, regardless of whether you itemize your deductions. Any credit can be claimed on Form 1040, sometimes referred to as the long form. Alternatively, except for the energy credits, all the credits outlined in this fact sheet can be claimed on the 1040A short form. The EITC can even be claimed on Form 1040EZ. The <a href="instruction booklet">instruction booklet</a> for each of these forms has more information about these and other tax credits.

#### **Related Information:**

- EITC Assistant
- Publication 972, Child Tax Credit; Pub. 962 PDF Version
- Form 2441, Child and Dependent Care Expenses; Form 1040A, Schedule 2,
   Child and Dependent Care Expenses for Form 1040A Filers (Instructions)
- Form 8863, Education Credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning Credits)
- Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education (Pub. 970 PDF Version)
- Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions
- Form 5695, Residential Energy Credits
- IRS Forms and Publications Download or order by telephone
- 1040 Central

# Wil-O-Way Key Card 2008 Application

The Wil-O-Way Key Card is a product of the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Wil-O-Way Recreation Program. Membership in the Wil-O-Way Key Card program expands recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities at a reduced or no cost.

Benefits: \* Access to the Milwaukee County ticket distribution program. \* Receipt of Handy-NEWS & NOTES hard copy. \* Invitation to Milwaukee County recreation and culture special events. \* Information about other low or no cost community recreation events. \* Access to Wil-O-Way programming (Individual members only!). Individual (\$23) Organization (\$115) – Up to 5 Cards - Number Requested Please Type or Print. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION: CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_ DAY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISABILITY: FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS (i.e., limited walking, scared of heights, etc.): MOBILITY DEVICES USED: \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_ Scooter \_\_\_\_ Walker \_\_\_\_ Cane Crutches \_\_\_\_ Long Leg Braces \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_ DOCTOR'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOCTOR'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Milwaukee County Treasurer**.

Please return this application with proper payment to

Wil-O-Way Key Card Office for Persons with Disabilities 901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 307-B Milwaukee WI 53233



# FREE Income Tax Preparation\*

\*FREE VITA tax preparation service is only available if you earned less than \$45,000 annually.

- Free E-Filing of your tax return
- Assistance with the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Assistance with other credits.
- Opportunity to Receive Your Refund in as few as 7-10 days with direct deposit and Refund Splitting
- Free preparation of Prior-Years' Tax Returns\*

## Other services provided:

(subject to eligibility requirements)

- Opportunity to open a no-charge, low balance Checking or Savings Account\*
- Access to Health Insurance\*
- Free Food Stamp prescreening\*
- Money Management and Credit Repair workshops\*
- Information about loans for car purchase or repair(s) from the Ways to Work program\*
- Information on Energy Assistance\*
- Assistance with the completion of FAFSA's forms\*\*

\*Super Site locations only \*\*SDC Richards Street location only

FREE TAX PREPARATION LOCATIONS are listed on the back.



















# **Information for FREE Tax Preparation WHERE TO GO:** January 14 - April 15, 2008

#### **Milwaukee - North**

#### SDC-Richards ◆ 🔠

4041 N. Richards Street Milwaukee, WI 53212 Mon, Wed & Fri: 9 am - 4:30 pm Tue & Thu: 9 am - 6 pm Sat: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Senior citizens served immediately!
Site will be closed 3/21/08

#### SDC-Teutonia ◆ 💍

6848 N. Teutonia Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53209 Mon - Fri: 9 am - 4:30 pm Sat: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Senior citizens served immediately!

Site will be closed 3/21/08

#### **UMOS-Central**

4030 N. 29th Street Milwaukee, WI 53216

**Beginning February 5, 2008** 

Tue: 9 am - 4 pm Wed: 9 am - 5:30 pm

Appointments recommended! 414-486-5200

#### Maximus – North ■ 🗷

6550 N. 76th Street Milwaukee, WI 53223

Beginning February 20, 2008

Wed: 9 am - 6 pm

#### Silver Spring Neighbor. Ctr. ■ 🖪

5460 N. 64th Street Milwaukee, WI 53218

Beginning February 7, 2008

Thu: 12 pm - 4 pm

#### **Milwaukee - Central**

#### MATC-Downtown &

Room M173 1015 N. 6th Street Milwaukee, WI 53223 (Enter at 6th and Highland)

Beginning January 29, 2008

Tue: 5 pm - 7 pm Sat: 9 am - 2 pm

Senior citizens served immediately!
Site will be closed 3/22 & 3/25/08

#### Aurora Family Services &

3200 W. Highland Boulevard Milwaukee, WI 53208 Tue: 5 pm - 7:30 pm

#### First Service Credit Union ■

333 N. 35th Street Milwaukee, WI 53208 Sat: 10 am - 1 pm

### **Milwaukee - South**

#### SDC-Southside ◆ 🔠

931 W. Madison Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53204 Mon - Fri: 9 am - 4:30 pm Sat: 9 am - 12:30 pm

Senior citizens served immediately!
Site will be closed 3/21/08

#### MATC-Oak Creek 🗟

6665 S. Howell Avenue Oak Creek, WI 53154

Beginning January 30, 2008 Ending April 11, 2008

Wed: 4 pm - 7 pm Sat: 9 am - 12 pm

Site closed 3/22, 3/26 & 3/29/08

## Airport Executive Center Consumer Credit Counseling Services

4915 S. Howell Avenue, Suite 102 Milwaukee, WI 53207 Thu: 5:30 pm - 8 pm Sat: 9 am - 12 pm

#### UMOS - Chase Avenue ■ 🗷

2701 S. Chase Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53207 Tue: 8 am - 4:30 pm **Except 2/12/08** 

## Milwaukee Health Dept. ■ Southside Health Center

1639 S. 23rd Street Milwaukee, WI 53204 Fri: 9 am - 4 pm Except 2/8 & 3/21/08

Please note: All sites operate on a first come, first served basis except where indicated and reserve the right to end registration when they reach their capacity or when necessary.

#### **♦ SUPER SITES**

- Supported by the Mobile
- **Mandicapped Accessible**

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Social Security cards (or ITIN cards) for you, your spouse (if joint return is filed) and all dependents.
- Picture identification.
- Taxpayers filing a joint return must both be present when the tax returns are prepared. Both spouses must sign a joint tax return
- All informational statements, including but not limited to:
   Wages statements (Form(s) W-2) and 1099;
  - Interest and Dividend statements (Form(s) 1099-INT and 1099-DIV);

Mortgage interest statements - (Form(s) 1098); Pension and Social Security statements - (Form(s) 1099-R and SSA-1099):

Tuition payments statements - (Form(s) 1098-T); and Property tax receipts for any property taxes paid in 2007.

- Information about any other sources of income, both taxable and nontaxable, and deductions and expenses you may have such as charitable contributions and child care expenses. If you have childcare expenses please have your childcare providers' taxpayer id number.
- A completed signed rent certificate or copy of your 2007 property tax bill if you are claiming the Wisconsin Homestead credit. You will also need a printout of any Wisconsin Works (W-2) payments, child support, or kinship payments you have received.
- A voided check for a checking account direct deposit or a deposit slip for a savings account direct deposit of your refund. Direct deposit is the fastest way to get your refund.
- A complete copy of your 2006 federal and state income tax returns is helpful but not required.

#### SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp Pool/Maintenance Personnel

**HOURS:** 9am-3:00pm Monday - Friday **DATES:** June 23 – August 1, 2008

#### \* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

TRAINING: Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities preferred.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be certified in CPR/First Aid.
- 4. Must be trained in proper pool maintenance.
- 5. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 6. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Assist with Camp Activities
- 2. Perform Light Maintenance Duties.
- 3. Provide pool maintenance.
- 4. Model and promote respectful interactions with participants.
- 5. Maintain a neat and clean program area.
- 6. Monitor and respond to safety of participants.
- 7. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 8. Perform other duties as assigned, including attending required training sessions.

#### TWO LOCATIONS: Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

#### Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

**PAY:** Negotiated at time of offer

**INTERVIEWS** held at the Holler Park Recreation Center (5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee) The Summer Camp interview dates are to be announced.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp Supervisor

**HOURS**: 8am-4pm Monday - Friday

**DATES:** Varies for each camp. Please refer to the Employment Opportunities Flyer

#### \* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

**TRAINING:** Holler Park & Schuetze Recreation Centers Orientation: Week of June 9<sup>th</sup> Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities and leading recreation activities.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 4. Coursework, experience or current interest in therapeutic recreation, social work, education, or related field preferred.
- 5. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Prepare, plan, conduct and evaluate a varied recreational program for a group of campers.
- 2. Prepare and plan daily schedule of activities.
- 3. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 4. Provide personal care of each camper, i.e. feeding, dressing, toileting.
- 5. Assume responsibility to report health concerns to the nurse, i.e. medications, sunscreen, injury, or illness.
- 6. Assume responsibility for volunteers and step up students assigned to the group.
- 7. Clean and check assigned areas daily.
- 8. Assume responsibility for use and maintenance of equipment and supplies.
- 9. Complete other duties as assigned.

#### **FOUR LOCATIONS: Holler Park Recreation Center**

5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee

**Schuetze Recreation Center** 

1120 Baxter Street, Waukesha

Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

**PAY:** Negotiated at time of offer

**INTERVIEWS** held at the Holler Park Recreation Center (5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee)

The Summer Camp interview dates are to be announced.

# SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp Recreation Leader

**HOURS:** Varies for each camp. Please refer to the Employment Opportunities Flyer **DATES:** Varies for each camp. Please refer to the Employment Opportunities Flyer

\* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

**TRAINING:** Holler Park & Schuetze Recreation Centers Orientation: Week of June 9<sup>th</sup> Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities and leading recreation activities.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 4. Coursework, experience or current interest in therapeutic recreation, social work, education, or related field preferred.
- 5. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Prepare, plan, conduct and evaluate a varied recreational program for a group of campers.
- 2. Prepare and plan daily schedule of activities.
- 3. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 4. Provide personal care of each camper, i.e. feeding, dressing, toileting.
- 5. Assume responsibility to report health concerns to the nurse, i.e. medications, sunscreen, injury, or illness.
- 6. Assume responsibility for volunteers and step up students assigned to the group.
- 7. Clean and check assigned areas daily.
- 8. Assume responsibility for use and maintenance of equipment and supplies.
- 9. Complete other duties as assigned.

#### **FOUR LOCATIONS: Holler Park Recreation Center**

5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee

**Schuetze Recreation Center** 

1120 Baxter Street, Waukesha

Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

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**INTERVIEWS** held at the Holler Park Recreation Center (5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee)

The Summer Camp interview dates are to be announced.

#### SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp LPN

**HOURS:** 9am-3:00pm Monday - Friday **DATES:** June 23 – August 1, 2008

#### \* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

TRAINING: Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities preferred.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be certified in CPR/First Aid.
- 4. Must have a current LPN License.
- 5. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 6. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Provide personal care to participants.
- 2. Assist participants boarding and exiting vehicles.
- 3. Provide assistance to the Respite Camp CNA.
- 4. Model and promote respectful interactions with participants.
- 5. Maintain a neat and clean program area.
- 6. Monitor and respond to safety of participants.
- 7. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 8. Perform other duties as assigned, including attending required training sessions.

#### TWO LOCATIONS: Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

#### Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

**PAY:** Negotiated at time of offer

**INTERVIEWS** held at the Holler Park Recreation Center (5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee) The Summer Camp interview dates are to be announced.

#### SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp Certified Nursing Assistant

**HOURS:** 9am-3:00pm Monday - Friday **DATES:** June 23 – August 1, 2008

#### \* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

TRAINING: Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities preferred.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be certified in CPR/First Aid.
- 4. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) preferred.
- 5. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 6. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Provide personal care to participants.
- 2. Assist participants boarding and exiting vehicles.
- 3. Provide assistance to the Respite Camp LPN.
- 4. Model and promote respectful interactions with participants.
- 5. Maintain a neat and clean program area.
- 6. Monitor and respond to safety of participants.
- 7. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 8. Perform other duties as assigned, including attending required training sessions.

#### TWO LOCATIONS: Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

#### Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

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**INTERVIEWS** held at the Holler Park Recreation Center (5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee) The Summer Camp interview dates are to be announced.

# SUMMER DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



POSITION AVAILABLE: Summer Day Camp Behavioral Specialist

**HOURS:** 9am-5:30pm Monday - Friday **DATES:** June 16 – August 22, 2008

#### \* You must be able to commit to the full term of camp

**TRAINING:** Holler Park & Schuetze Recreation Centers Orientation: Week of June 9<sup>th</sup> Wil-O-Way Grant & Wil-O-Way Underwood Orientation: Week of June 16<sup>th</sup>

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Experience working with people with disabilities specifically autism.
- 2. Self-motivated and able to work well independently.
- 3. Must be reliable and dependable.
- 4. Coursework, experience or current interest in therapeutic recreation, social work, education, or related field preferred.
- 5. Ability to lift, stand, squat and perform a 1-person and 2-person transfer (up to 50 pounds).

#### **DUTIES:**

- 1. Act as Easter Seals Kindcare's expert on specific disability namely autism and related needs.
- 2. Train and work closely with the Respite Camp Leaders.
- 3. Model and promote respectful interactions with participants
- 4. Monitor and respond to safety of participants
- 5. Attend and participate in staff meetings.
- 6. Perform other duties as assigned, including attending required training sessions.

#### **FOUR LOCATIONS: Holler Park Recreation Center**

5151 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee **Schuetze Recreation Center** 1120 Baxter Street, Waukesha

Wil-O-Way Grant Recreation Center.

207 Lake Drive, South Milwaukee

Wil-O-Way Underwood Recreation Center.

10602 Underwood Parkway, Wauwatosa

PAY: Negotiated at time of offer

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